

PLANNING ADVISORY AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 2nd July 2019 in the Public Hall, Beaminster at 7.00pm.

1483 PRESENT: Cllr Body (Chairman), Cllr Beswarick, , Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Langridge, Cllr Mrs J Page and Cllr Turner; also Mrs Bright (Town Clerk) and one member of the public.

1484 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Mrs Cook, Cllr Corbett, Cllr Drinnan and an apology was received from Cllr Monks following the meeting.

1485 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY & HIGHWAYS MEETING HELD ON 4TH JUNE 2019

The minutes of the Planning Advisory and Highways Committee meeting held on 4th June 2019 having previously been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

1486 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no Declarations of Interests received.

1487 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered:

1. WD/D/19/001291

WHATLEY MILL, NEWTOWN

Application for approval of reserved matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale in relation to outline approval WD/D/18/001145

Recommend Approval.

2. WD/D/19/001132

LOWER CHAPEL MARSH FARM, AXNOLLER

LANE – Erection of equestrian jumps to part of the land (Retrospective)

No objection in principle to the retrospective application however members were concerned with the apparent lack of overall plan. The Town Council were being consulted on a number of piecemeal and retrospective applications which caused some trepidation as to potential future applications that might result in over development.

3. WD/D/19/001266

6 LEWESDON CLOSE

Erection of two storey rear extension

Recommend Approval, the development would not have a detrimental effect on the area.

4. WD/D/19/001221

6 SHORTS LANE

Retention of air source heat pump

Recommend Approval.

5. WD/D/19/001346

BARN CLOSE, COCKROAD LANE

Change of use of holiday accommodation/
annexe to self contained dwelling

Recommend Refusal, concerns were expressed with regard to the insulation/soundproofing/fire proofing of the party wall with regard to the possible effect on the amenity of the neighbour; also access to the family bathroom via a bedroom would not be ideal.

(b) PLANNING APPROVALS

Members **NOTED** two planning approvals received since the last meeting.

1488 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Dorset Council: Appeal against the Council's refusal to upgrade Bridleways 17, 35 and Crabb's Barn Lane, Beaminster to a Byway open to all traffic

Members **NOTED** correspondence received advising the Planning Inspectorate had been unable to accept the appeal therefore an Order would be made in the next few months in accordance with Dorset Council's Committee decision to record Bridleway 35 and Crabb's Barn Lane as a byway open to all traffic. The Order would be advertised for a period of six weeks for representation.

(b) Dorset Council: Tree works A3066, Bridport Road, Beaminster

In response to concerns expressed to Dorset Council with regard to the proposal to fell a Turkish Oak confirmation had been received that a thorough assessment and full investigation of the tree with internal assessments had been undertaken. **NOTED** that pruning had not been considered an appropriate course of action due to the level of decay recorded within the trunk.

(c) Natural England – Down Farm SSSI

NOTED correspondence advising the notification dated 7th February 2019 under section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 had been confirmed without modification.

1489 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

(a) Community Transport – CB3 Saturday service

Cllr Turner advised that:

- Private Hire to Salisbury – unfortunately the bus lost air pressure in the brakes on the way back to Beaminster and had to be towed back, the repair had been undertaken.
- Dorset Council were seeking data to ensure the terms of the grant awarded had been met
- There had been a total of 3018 passenger movements during the period June 2018 – March 2019
- Following an insurance repair the reversing sensors required reconnection.

1490 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Dawkins reported the fallen tree across the footpath at Parham had been cleared; still awaiting new posts at Two Rivers.

1491 HIGHWAY ISSUES

(a) Traffic survey – North Street

Members had previously been circulated with a scaled down version of the data recovered from the recent traffic monitoring in North Street.

A total of 12,571 vehicles were recorded during the week of monitoring, 6390 were travelling North Eastbound and 6181 were travelling South Westbound. Of those 12,571 vehicles a total of 534 were travelling in excess of 30mph **NOTED**.

Under this heading Cllr Beswarick expressed his concern at the speed of vehicles travelling south along Tunnel Road. He advised he had spoken with representatives from the highway authority and the suggestion had been put forward, once again, that the Town Council purchasing a Speed Indicator Device (SID). **AGREED** to discuss with highway representatives the options available.

1492 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Mrs Page advised a meeting of the Group had taken place the previous evening where it had been agreed to invite representatives from Dorset Council to attend a meeting of the Group to advise on how current and future industry would feature in the Plan.

1493 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members **NOTED** the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 6th August 2019.

1494 MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting which started at 7.00pm closed at 8.45pm.

Chairman
6th August 2019